PAYN CAN'T GO TO CHICAGO?

TWO ROOSEVELT MEN FOR DELE-GATES FROM HIS DISTRICT.

It Will Be an Unusual Vacation for the ex-Marshal—Halpin Likely to Be State Committeeman in Place of Meade Robert C. Morris to Be Displaced?

President Roosevelt's friends in the Twenty-first Congress district, it was stated last night, have begun a fight to leave Louis F. Payn at home and not let him go as one of the delegates for the district to the Chicago national convention. The district is made up of Greene, Columbia, Dutchess and Putnam counties. It is announced that Hamilton Fish, Jr., Sub-Treasurer, whose home is at Garrisons' Putnam county, is to be one of the delegates, and that President Roosevelt's friends intend to make Gen. William S. C. Wiley of Catskill, Greene county, the other. The Republicans who gave this information said that the fight had been made against Mr. Payn because of his personal and political criticisms of President Roosevelt.

Gen. Wiley was Quartermaster-General on Gov. Morton's staff, and three years ago was State Senator for the Twenty-fifth district, which comprises Greene and Ulster counties. Gen. Wiley and Mr. Payn are personal friends. No Republican in the State of New York is better known than Mr. Payn. He was a delegate to the National conventions of his party in 1872 when Grant and Wilson were nominated, in 1880 where he went down with Conkling and Platt and the Grant battalion of 306, and in every Presidential year since.

In the 1900 convention McKinley got all of the 926 votes of the convention. Roosevelt for Vice-President got 925, Gov. Roosevelt as a delegate-at-large, not voting. Mr. Payn in that convention voted for Roosevelt for Vice-President.

President Grant made Mr. Payn United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York. Mr. Payn was originally a Fenton man, and fought like old Harry for Fenton for Governor and United States Senator, but he quit Fenton when Fenton went over to the Greelevites in 1872. Mr. Payn then became one of the chief lieutenants of Roscoe Conkling, and engaged in the warfare which Mr. Conkling and Thomas C. Platt made on Rutherford B Hayes, and later on James A. Garfield. When Conkling and Platt resigned from the United States Senate because of differences with President Garfield, Mr. Payn threw up his place as United States Marshal.

After Conkling's retirement, Mr. Payn became the chief adviser of Mr. Platt, and during the Warner Miller episode stood with Mr. Platt in his warfare on the Herkimer statesman. In 1896 he was largely responsible for the nomination of Frank S. sponsible for the nomination of Frank S Black for Governor. Senator Platt had decided to nominate Odell, but at the las decided to nominate Odell, but at the last moment, at a conference of fifteen Republicans held in the Worden House, Saratoga Springs, the decision was changed, and Mr. Payn was instrumental in bringing about the change. Gov. Black appointed Mr. Payn Superintendent of Insurance.

Mr. Payn had a very serious difference in 1898 with Senator Platt over the nomination of Roosevelt to be Governor, insist-

nation of Roosevelt to be Governor, insist ing that Mr. Black was entitled to a renom-ination. He insisted then, and has declared ever since, that the sentiment against Gared ever since, that the settinish against Black's renomination was manufactured.

Gov. Roosevelt promptly decided to retire Mr. Payn as Superintendent of Insurance. Mr. Payn believed that he was entitled to a reappointment. But Gov. Roosevelt had no liking for Mr. Payn, and a number of Republican Senators at Al-bany declared that they would not vote for Mr. Payn's reappointment, even if Gov. Rossevel renominated him. Mr. Payn appealed to Senator Platt, and Mr. Platt said he would stand by Mr. Payn up to the time when it meant a break with a Republican Governor, but break Mr. Platt would publican Governor of the State if he had

within the last year or two the relations of Mr. Platt and Mr. Payn have been somewhat more cordial, and they have continued outwardly friendly, although Mr. Payn has severely criticised Mr. Platt for announcing several months ago that President Roosevelt would be nominated by acclamation in the national convention. President Roosevelt would be nominated by acclamation in the national convention this year. Mr. Payn has been bitterly averse to President Roosevelt's nomination, and has not hesitated to say so. Because of this feeling on the part of Mr. Payn against the President, the President's friends have decided to leave Mr. Payn at home, if possible, and substitute in his place Gen. Wiley. The present situation recalls Mr. Payn's

The present situation recalls Mr. Payn's fight for Senator in 1886, in the old Fifteenth district, which was made up of Dutchess, Columbia and Putnam counties. The district was then, as now, normally Republican by a large plurality, and yet Mr. Payn was defeated; and when asked for the cause he jocularly replied: "Gee! On election day behind every tree in the district was a ghost of Garfield." The reference was to Mr. Payn's attitude toward President Garfield and to his alleged utterances after President Garfield was shot. Mr. Payn has never hid his light under a bushel, and he does not believe in the old couplet: the old couplet:

While the lamp holds out to burn, The vilest sinner may return.

Senator Platt and Gov. Odell are to be at the Fifth Avenue Hotel to-night. The Republican State committee is to meet Saturday to name a time and there on Saturday to name a time and place for the spring convention, and it is expected that the hotel will be thronged

expected that the hotel will be thronged by Republicans from all over the State during the next sixty-two hours. Senator Platt had announced that he will remain in town until Monday, and Gov. Odell in Albany, yesterday, said he would, too.

Magistrate Clarence W. Meade, State committeeman for the Eleventh district, cannot attend the meeting of the State committee, and his proxy will be given to William Halpin, chairman of the New York county executive committee. It was said last night that Mr. Halpin, at the spring convention, will be elected State committeeman in place of Magistrate Meade, and that Robert C. Morris of the Thirteenth district is to be displaced as one of the results of the Republican quarrel in the Twenty-ninth Assembly district and the Fifteenth Senate district. An important member of the New York Republican county committee said last night that without committee said last night that without doubt at the meeting of the State com-mittee on Saturday "an early date for the spring State convention will be named in deference to the wishes of President Roose-

Gov. Odell's adherents have said within the last two or three days that he was working with President Roosevelt to get an early date for the spring State con-

CHICAGO CONVENTION PLANS. Sergeant-at-Arms Stone Tells of the Seating Scheme for the Republican Meeting.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 24.-His resignation naving been rejected by Chairman Payne, who succeeds the late Senator Hanna as chairman of the Republican national committee, Collector of the Port William F. Stone, sergeant-at-arms of the coming Republican national convention, is going shead with his arrangements. In declining he resignation, Gen. Payne said:

"I have no doubt but that you can perform the duties of the office, however difficult, to the entire satisfaction of the

Mr. Stone will go to Washington to-morrow to confer with Mr. Payne. He will take with him drawings for the in-terior arrangements of the convention hall. Mr. Stone to-day said:

"I will have to make over 2,000 appoint-

ments of deputies and assistant sergeantsat-arms. The delegates and alternates
will be seated in special blocks, fronting
the stage. A rail will enclose these seats.
Back of them will be the invited guests.
The press representatives will be grouped
around the platform. Underneath the
stage will be placed the telegraph operators. Copy will be carried to the latter
by means of chutes.

"I have already received hundreds of
applications for appointments as deputies,
which carry no salary. Two ex-Governors of States have asked for such an appointment."

pointment.

GEORGE FRED OUT FOR HEARST. Writes a Letter Saving That He Is Laving

Wires for the New York Man. Boston, Feb. 24.-The rumors which have been current in this State that George Fred Williams was working openly for W. R. Hearst for the Democratic nomi nation for President, have been confirmed despite the denial made by some of Mr. Williams's friends. Up to the present Mr. Williams has preserved silence concerning his position, so far as Boston is concerned, but he is now on record, finally and emphatically, as a supporter of Hearst against the "reorganizers" and he is working for Hearst. The State League of Iroquois Clubs had its convention in San Francisco this week and to that gathering Mr. Wil-

liams sent this message from Boston: BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 14, 1904.

DEAR SIR: I am again favored by an inviation to the Iroquois Club banquet, and herewith enclose you my answer, which I will to start a campaign in this Commonwealth for Mr. Hearst. I don't see that the progressive element in the Democratic party nas any other candidate to whom it can tie its fortunes, for if Mr. Hearst fails it now looks as if the reactionaries would have thing much their own way.

GEORGE FRED WILLIAMS.

WON'T HAVE CLEVELAND.

fississippi Legislators Prefer Hearst to the ex-President to Speak to Them. JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 24.—The Mississippi Legislature has rejected by a large maority a resolution introduced to-day by Representative McAllister inviting ex-President Cleveland to address them. The resolution of a week ago inviting Mr. Hearst

J. A. EMERSON FOR SENATOR.

He Has Secured a Majority of Delegates to Succeed Senator Prime

was unanimously adopted.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Feb. 24.-James A Emerson, youngest brother and partner of former Congressman and Senator L. W. Emerson of Warrensburg, has a majority of the delegates to the Warren county convention pledged to him for Senator from the Thirty-first district to succeed Senator Prime of Essex. According to the rule of rotation, which has prevailed for years, the office comes to Warren this year. this year.

The county convention will be held on Saturday, and it will select a Platt delegation to the State convention, but in the choice of State committeeman they will be outvoted by the Brackett and Littauer

Gov. Odell Coming To-day.

ALBANY, Feb. 24.-Gov. Odell will go to New York to-morrow afternoon and remain until after the meeting of the Republican State committee on Saturday. In speaking about the probable time for which the Republican State convention will be called, he said that if he were to guess he would say it would be called for

SMALL SUBWAY STRIKE.

Fifty Plumbers Decide to Let Arbitration Agreements Go Hang.

The plumbers employed in the subway stations went on strike yesterday against not; and Mr. Payn has had an unhappy feeling toward Mr. Platt ever since. He has frequently said: "If I had been in Tom Platt's place and he in mine, do you think another firm, the Union Switch and Signal Company will not employ members of the New York union in its subway work. Byrne desired a reappointment to a place in which he had not received the slightest criticism?" he had not received the slightest criticism?"

about fifty plumbers are affected. The other stations are either not ready for the plumbing or work in them is done. The Union Switch and Signal Company says that the work it is doing is special work and can only be done properly by its own

and can only be done properly by its own experts.

The strike is a violation both of the arbitration agreement of the Building Trades Employers' Association and of the agreement between the Rapid Transit Contractors' Association and the Central Federated Union. T. F. Byrne told a Sun reporter last evening that his firm is a member of the Employers' Association and the Plumbers' Union had signed the arbitration agreement.

arbitration agreement.

The association had taken no action on the strike last evening, but the board of governors may notify the plumbers that if the strike is not arbitrated a general shutdown of plumbing work will follow. When the tilelayers struck recently in violation of the same agreements an ultima-tum to this affect ended their strike in a

PRESIDENT MELLEN'S JOKE

Made James J. Hill Think of Mark Twain -Was "So Different."

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.-James J. Hill, according to a story told here by a railroad man yesterday, declares that C. S. Mellen reminds him of Mark Twain, "because they are so different." This declaration was made by Hill after he heard this story:

When Mr. Mellen returned to New Haven as president of the New Maven railroad, having resigned the presidency of the Northern Pacific, a friend asked him: "What do you think of Western railway

"I didn't get acquainted with many of them, except on the Northern Pacific and Great Northern roads. All the officials of the Northern Pacific were capable men." "How about those on the Great Northern?"
"I divide that outfit into three classes—

sons, sons-in-law, and sons of guns," said Mr. Mellen, and he walked away.

The Weather.

The area of low pressure, which caused rain in the Middle Atlantic States and snow in the Lake regions and the southern New England districts, assed off the coast yesterday morning, leaving fair weather in all the States east of the Rocky Mountains, save for some cloudiness and a few scattered showers in the Central States, which were due to an area of high pressure, bringing down a moderate fall of temperature from the Northwest. It was below zero in the Dakotas and below freezing in the Lake regions, and it hould be slightly colder here to-day and remain

fair for two or three days.

In this city rain fell in the morning and cleared west; average humidity, 71 per cent.; barometer, corrected to read to sea level, at 8 A. M., 29.54; 3 P. M., 29.76. fore noon; wind, fresh to brisk west to north-

The temperature yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, is shown in the annexed table 9 A. M. 33° 38° 6 P. M. 36° 40° 12 M. 43° 42° 9 P. M. 33° 33° 38° 12 M. 37° 44° 12 Mid. 30° 31°

WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW For eastern New York, New Jersey, eastern Penn sylvania and Delaware, fair to-day; parity cloudy to morrow: fresh north winds.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland and

Virginia, fair and slightly colder to-day: partly oudy to-morrow: light to fresh north winds. For New England, fair to-day, except snow in eastern Maine; fresh to brisk northwest winds;

fair to-morrow. western New York, snow to-day, except fair in southeast portion; partly cloudy to-mor-row, with snow in west portion; yariable winds. EVER get a really Good Cocktail in a private house? mixing.

Fault usually lies in the GOLD LION Cocktails (ready to ice) never vary GOLD LION Cocktails—Seven kinds — Manhattan, Vermouth, Whiskey, Martini, Tom Gin, Dry Gin—and the American Of good wine merchants

The Cook & Bernheimer Co.

GIBBS PAINTINGS AT AUCTION.

THE 90 PICTURES IN THE FIRST OFFERING BRING \$15,215.

John F. Carroll, Hugh J. Grant and Other Friends of the Late Owner Among the Purchasers-Top Price Was \$680. for Homer Martin's "Golden Sands.

Ninety of the paintings in the collection of the late Frederick S. Gibbs, which Mr. Gibbs's executors have ordered to be dispersed at auction, were sold by Thomas E. Kirby of the American Art Association in Mendelssohn Hall last evening for \$15,215. It was the first sale of the winter of sufficient importance to take place in Mendelssohn Hall, which has taken the place of old Chickering Hall as the theatre for the public sale of important art collections, New York having no Governmental auction room like the Hôtel Drouot, and no rooms exactly duplicating those of Messrs. Christie, Manson & Woods. Mendelssohn Hall was crowded with buyers, bidders and other persons interested in the Gibbs pictures, some of whom, who were not buyers last evening, will figure among the purchasers to-night or to-morrow night, when the better offerings will come under Mr. Kirby's small ivory hammer.

A considerable percentage of last evening's attendance-some professionals, some amateurs and some merely interested laymen-had apparently come to look over the ground as revealed by the first night's auction, to learn something of the indications of what prices were to rule in this sale, which is in some respects the most interesting from the standpoint of American art that has taken place since the Thomas B. Clarke sale in 1898. Mr. Gibbs had acquired the usual potful of variegated canvasses entitled to no serious consideration which the uninitiated collector is bound to accumulate, and many of these were disposed of last evening, with a small number of representative paintings, forerunners of the best offerings of to-night and to-morrow night. The indiscriminate lots brought the average of the evening down, but the prices of a few of the American paintings indicated the interest which some of the better examples are to bring out in the succeeding

evenings of the sale. Some of the political friends of Senator Gibbs were among the attendants at the sale, John F. Carroll, W. M. K. Olcott, County Clerk Hamilton and Hugh J. Grant figuring in the list of purchasers. The Senator's brother, Dr. J. Wilson Gibbs, bought a number of the pictures. The purchaser of the Innesses was supposed to have screened himself behind a pseu-donym, because his name had not heretofore figured in the seasonal lists of picture buyers. Macbeth, the dealer, bought the exquisite Homer Martin "Golden Sands"

for \$680, top price of the night.

The pictures sold, with the names of the painters and the buyers and the prices, Gregor...
7 "Children at Play," Thom; E. C. Anderson...
8 "Sheep and Fowl," Van Severdonck; R. C. Vose... 9 "The Pasture Pond," Murphy; A. C. Clark... 135 9 "Summer in the Catskills," Blakelock; A. C.

Humphreys....
11 "Buttermilk Girl," Schlesinger: Felix Fulk....
12 "In a Cardinal's Library," Weiser; J. T. 14 "In the Vestibule," Schill; Dr. J. W. Gibbs..... 15 "The Promenade," Chavet; Mrs. Selgrist..... 16 "Returning from the Walk," Henry; D. Huber, Jr...

17 "Sheep," Tom; W. B. Strang.

18 "Gamesters' Quarrel," Portlelje; D. Huber, Jr.

19 "Reverle," Escosurs; John F. Carroll.

20 "Marguerite," Bertzik; Mrs. Selgrist.

21 "Late November," Wyant; John F. Carroll.

22 "A Pleasing Reflection," Portlelje; John F. Carroll. Carroli. 23 "Thoughtful," Wiles: William Halpin 24 "Sunset Gleam," Murphy: T. E. H. Curtis 25 "Waterfall in the Catskills, "Blakelock; W. B

Falk.

28 "Happy Fancles," Loop; H. R. Wilson.

29 "Autum Sunset," Murphy; G. G. Benjamin.

30 "A Head," Henner; F. W. Hunter.

31 "Perplexity," Slefert: A. H. Falk.

32 "The New Book," Dolph; L. N. Worth.

33 "Still IAfe," Ream; W. B. Strang.

34 "Débutante," Blenner; W. B. Strang.

35 "Woodland Farm," Koekkoek; W. B. Strang.

36 "Pond in the Pasture," Howland; B. Hoehschild.

schild... 37 "Bon Voyage," Pinchart: A. H. Falk... 38 "Sunset," Murphy; New York Cooperative tennam. 40 "Say When," Tamburini; A. O. Deshong... 41 "Spanish Peasants," Amoros; A. G. Lack-

43 "Officer of Artillery," Perboyre: A. G. Lackman... 140
44 "In the Woods," Inness: R. L. Rave... 310
45 "Peaceful Company," Echtler: A. O. Deshong 183
46 "Cavaller," Schreiber; H. R. Wilson... 115
47 "Hunters," Inness: R. L. Rave... 300
48 "Colonial Days," Harris; J. F. Lord... 106
49 "In the Orchard," Mosler: W. B. Strang... 100
50 "Oxen in Stable," Bonheur: E. J. Kelley... 660
51 "On the Bronx," S. R. Gifford: B. Hochschild. 110
52 "June Flowers," Roble: Mrs. R. M. Haan... 360
53 "Polling Up Stream," Craig: A. H. Falk... 55
54 "Playmates," Guillemin; W. M. K. Olcott... 65
55 "Stone Bridge," Van Elten: Dr. J. W. Gibbs... 66
55 "Stone Bridge," Van Elten: Dr. J. W. Gibbs... 66
55 "Smugglers' Cave, Jones's Wood," Wyant:
Mrs. Segrist... A. Lehmaler... 210
58 "At the Confessional," Irving; G. Benjamin... 60
"Returning from Market," Brown: J. R.
Kerrissey... Casse, T. L. Harvillon... 25

"Returning from maras"
Kerrissey "Pet Bird," Chase; T. L. Hamilton.
"Expectation," Ryder; H. J. Hinds.
"Filtration," Pinchart; T. L. Hamilton.
"Sunset Gleam," De Haven; G. M. Walker.
"Pleasant Pasture," Marais; W. Sittenham.
"Near Laaren, Holland," Ranger; J. T.
Kerrissey.

67 "Gleaner." Le Politevin, Searles.
68 "Charcoal Burners," Murphy; J. T. Kerrissey.
69 "October." Octhman; John F. Carroll.
70 "In the Garden." Carpentler; H. Hinds.
71 "The Foot Bridge," Delobbe; W. B. Strang.
72 "An Italian Maiden," Epp; L. A. Lanthier.
73 "Coming to Port." McCord: William A.
Sloeum.

Slocum, Slocum, McCord; William A. Slocum, 225
74 "Golden Sands," Martin; William Macbeth. 630
75 "Arablan Horsemen at Chellf," Washington; W. B. Strang. 200
76 "The Nest," Wood; W. B. Strang. 130
77 "On the Sawnill River," Cropsey; W. B. Strang.

Carroll. 180
81 "Still Life," Chase; John F. Carroll. 90
82 "Brunette." Plot; John F. Carroll. 510
83 "October Morning." Post; New York Cooperative Society. 125
44 "Return from Pasture." Cortez; S. S. Laird. 240
85 "Near Overschie, Holland." Bogert; T. E. H.

Sims Murder Trial Jury Disagrees. The jury in the second trial of Almo Padro for the murder of Caleb Sims, leader of the colored Democracy, on Oct. 15, disagreed at 1:20 o'clock this morning. Judge Newburger discharged them. Both trials agreed at 120 o'clock this morning. Stude Newburger discharged them. Both trials were held before Judge Newburger in the General Sessions. The jury at the first trial also disagreed.

MAKING CITIES BEAUTIFUL.

VOTE IN BOARD OF EDUCATION WAS 36 TO 2.

Comr. Jonas Criticised Dr. Maxwell an Proposed a Change-Other Superin tendents Reelected-Committee Advises Economies in Some Quarters.

Dr. William H. Maxwell, not without the expression of some hostile criticism, was reelected by the Board of Education yesterday to be City Superintendent of Schools for six years at \$8,000 a year. Commissioner Mack renominated Mr. Maxwell, who is attending a school convention at Atlanta, and said that the main reproach against the superintendent was that he was the cause of great unrest and friction.

"You and I, Mr. Chairman," continued the speaker, "may bless this unrest, for it means progress and the uplifting of the school system. Complete satisfaction of everybody would indicate lack of all action for advancement. But we know that never before have so great improvements been made, and the public school system is to-day second to none in the country A few years ago it was inferior to that of several other cities."

Commissioner Nathan S. Jonas of Brooklyn dissented. He said:

I believe the present City SuperIntendent has demoralized the teaching force in our schools by establishing a system which has made statisticians and clerks of our principals and overlooking the fact that they should be the real supervising teachers instead of the many supervising and teaching specialists.

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Principals formerly assisted their teachers visited all classes regularly and corrected weak spots where found: now they are busy repairing the damage done to the regular work by teachers of special branches and in transmitting reports to headquarters. Many of the teachers, if they dared tell the truth publicly as a number have in private to me, would show a condition bordering on despair, claiming that they are asked to do impossibilities under the new heavy-weighted course of study; meanwhile the rudiments are neglected; the children cannot spell well, they, as a rule, write poorly and are deficient in arithmetic. Of these things abundant proofs have been shown to me

The present City Superintendent believes in the merit system for minor places, but discourages promotion within the ranks by almost invariably going out of town to fill the supervising and higher positions.

He believes in retiring those against whom he has a prejudice when they reach the so-called age limit; others, who are older, may continue in the service at his pleasure.

While his own books were being sold to the schools (not so bad in Itself), he claimed the right under the Charter, and exercised it, of recommending all text books and scholastic supplies, thus putting himself in a position to be justly criticised.

He has involved the city and the Board of Education in much useless and unnecessary litigation, simply to avoid admitting his mistakes.

Mr. Jonas then nominated Walter_B.

Mr. Jonas then nominated Walter B. Gunnison, the principal of Erasmus Hall High School, formerly an associate city

Migh School, formerly an associate city superintendent.

Mr. Man of Queens seconded the nomination of Dr. Maxwell and then Messrs. Greene, Field, Stern, Harkness and a dozen others made speeches in praise of the work of the City Superintendent. The vote was 36 for Maxwell, 2 for Gunnison and 2 blank.

blank.

Associate City Superintendent Edward L. Stevens was reelected to succeed himself for six years at a salary of \$6,500 a year. Patrick Jones was reelected superintendent of school supplies at \$4,000 and District Superintendents John J. Chickering and Cornelius E. Franklin were reelected for six years at \$5,000. It was voted to put in glass cases in the hall two Peace Flags presented by the New York Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution as a tribute to the International Peace Tribunal at The Hague.

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The evening high schools were ordered closed on March 25.

The board of superintendents reported that Edward Bebout, a teacher in Public School 100 in Brooklyn, had been suspended for being absent without leave since the schools closed last June.

The committee which was appointed to investigate Comptroller Grout's charges of

waste and extravagance made a leng report. It said that the committee found that the department was on the whole conducted with ducted with great energy, wisdom and economy. It advised that a curtailment of the list of text books be considered and that a considerable reduction be made and that a considerable reduction be made next summer in the cost of supervising the vacation schools and playgrounds; that the lecture centres should be restricted to the outlying parts of the city where the people do not have ready access to other sources of entertainment and instruction. The purchase of school sites and the leasing of buildings, the committee said, should be taken from the Comptroller and the Sinking Fund and given to the Board of Education for the sake of economy and promptness. This could be done only by legislation.

The committee advised senting back to classroom work the teachers who are now classroom work the teachers who are now doing clerical work for the principals and to have substitutes (at \$2.50 a'day) do the clerical work. Another proposition is to abolish the post of "additional" teacher in all schools of less than eighteen classes.

The gallery was crowded with teachers, which is a very unusual thing at the meetings.

GROUT RETORTS TO M'CLELLAN. Tart Telegram About the Quarrel With the Board of Education.

Comptroller Grout telegraphed yesterday from Albany this statement in reply to Mayor McClellan:

I have read the statement in the morning papers ascribed to Mayor McClellan. ever conclusions he has reached must be the result of some other investigations or reports than those made in the Comptroller's office, since as yet the reports of our investigation have not been transmitted to him. Had he any authentic statement of my views he could not say that he understands me as proposing to abolish the study of German and physical culture as luxuries, for at no time or place have I said such a thing. I am quite as much a believer in both

of these as he can be.

As in the case of sewing and cooking, the question with all these special studies is not whether they be luxuries, but what is their relative necessity compared with essentials such as English, penmanship, arithmetic, geography and history, and how much work, now many studies, can effectively be put in

the course. The Mayor seems to have been greatly misinformed as to my views on this subject. When our reports are complete and he has examined them fully, he will be better able to say whether or not he disagrees with

The only issue now presented is as to the immediate grant of more money. With my investigations and reports still unfinished he chooses to adopt on this subject the views and the measure of the Board of Education The proposed reopening of the budget [to provide the money the board asks for to keep open the night schools and recreation centres| emanates from the Board of Education It is an extraordinary measure never before resorted to, I believe, except when by Charter changes there has been a readjustment of city departments. Its sole object now is to avoid the necessity for a unanimous vote in the Board of Estimate required for the issue of special revenue bonds. As we have scarcely touched the million dollar special revenue bond fund allowed, there is little basis for the statement that the city cannot afford to provide in that manner for whatever necessities exist.

Mayor McClellan declined to make any comment on the statement.

Col. M. R. Roblee Killed.

ELPASO, Tex., Feb. 24.-Col. M. R. Robles, formerly of New York, was thrown from his buggy here to-day and killed. An automobile frightened the horse. Col. Robles was prominent as a mining man.

Col. Roblee was an uncle of Milton Roblee, proprietor of the Bartholdi and Belle-claire hotels in this city.

REELECT CITY SUPT. MAXWELI John M. Carrere Says That the Architect Not the Engineer, Must De It. John M. Carrère, senior member of the firm of Carrère & Hastings, lectured before

> Remodelling Cities." He said in part: "Remodelling Cities." He said in part:
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> With us cities far surpassing in size the largest cities of the world have grown so rapidly that the utilitarian side has forced itself upon the people and taken all their energy, means and thought, leaving no opportunity for art excepting of the most perfunctory and casual character, so that we are now confronted with the necessity, from the artistic point of view, of remodelling practically the whole of the United States not by the will of the Cæsars, of a Napoleon or even of a Haussman, but by the will of 80,000,000 people of different races, and with different views, a large majority of whom have no appreciation of the subject, and are, moreover, sordid and thinking of the present, without any consideration for the future.
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> I find that the more I study the subject the more apparent it is to me that there are a few cardinal principles which can be considered as essential to city building and city development.

the Architectural League last night upon

a few cardinal principles which can be considered as essential to city building and city development.

First—Circulation. Convenient, adequate and direct circulation, by which I mean providing ample facility for every sort of traffic, so arranged as to connect every point of the city in the most direct and adequate possible manner with any other point, no matter how distant. Second—Hygiene. That is to say, the promotion of health by providing for every scientific means of sanitation, drainage, and especially for natural ventilation, by which I mean that a certain proportion should be established throughout every city between the voids and the solids, the areas covered by buildings and other improvements and those reserved for air and light. Third—The esthetic side. By which I mean the science of solving the two first problems, and all the problems dependent thereon, in an artistic way.

In our cities, and, in fact, in our whole mode of life, we separate work from pleasure, the practical from the beautiful, instead of blending them, as is so skilfully done by the older nations of the world. A street is apt to be nothing but a thoroughfare, so that we must go and come and travel upon it without enjoyment, which we must seek elsewhere at given points laid aside for this particular purpose. In the same manner we do not combine work and pleasure sufficiently, with the result that both our work and our pleasures are strenuous in character and often become excesses.

There is no reason why our streets should

are strenuous in character and often become excesses.

There is no reason why our streets should not be thoroughfares, and breathing spaces, and pleasure grounds all in one. Neither is there any reason why we should not get as much pleasure in travelling through our streets during working hours as at other times. The beauty of a street induces beauty in buildings and adds beauty to life, whereas the confusion of streets and jumble of buildings that surround us in our American cities contribute nothing valuable to life; on the contrary, they sadly disturb our peace of mind and destroy that repose within us which is the true basis of all contentment.

There is hardly a practical solution of a single municipal development which is presented that cannot be made less expensive within a very few years by the development of the artistic side and possibilities of the problem, whether by creating entirely new

within a very few years by the development of the artistic side and possibilities of the problem, whether by creating entirely new civic centres, whether by adding to the beauty and attractiveness of these centres, and thereby enhancing the value of property and increasing the tax levy, or whether only by making an improvement which is permanent and capable of indefinite development, so that the first cost is not an absolute waste of money.

The principal reason for the great waste of artistic opportunity in municipal development, and some other lines of development is without question due to the fact that the engineer, and not the architect, has been the master mind which has conceived and executed the projects. The engineer's point of view is strictly quantitative. It is therefore important that we, the artists who compose this league, and to whom the public looks for inspiration, should see to it that the architect in this sense, and not the engineer, should be the guiding spirit in the cities.

BOY CAUSES A \$200,000 FIRE. Set a Mill Ablaze by Dropping a Hot Iron Pipe Through a Floor.

PITTSBURG. Pa., Feb. 24.-The careless ness of a small boy employed in the plant of the National Tube Company in McKees port last night caused a fire that started in he stock room, and which has resulted in damage amounting to nearly \$200,000. The boy was playing with a hot iron pipe and dropped it through a hole in the floor. He returned to work, and it was discovered that the pipe had set fire to some refu under the floor.

After two hours work the flames was extinguished at this place, but the fire had worked its way under the floor to the Nuttweld mill, where there is an accumulation of grease, the saturation of years.

More than \$150,000 worth of machinery More than \$100,000 worth of machinery was destroyed, besides the entire woodwork in the building. The fire spread to the threading floor, where the most valuable machinery is used, but the flames were under control at 8 o'clock to-night.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC-THIS DAY. Sun rises.....6:40 Sun sets.....5:46 Moon sets...1:45 HIGH WATER—THIS DAY. Sandy Hook. 1:36 Gov. I'd. 2:08 Hell Gate . . 4:01

Arrived-WEDNESDAY, Feb. 24. Arrived—Wednesdat, Feb. 24.

Sa Moltke, Hamburg, Feb. 13.

Sc Carpathia, Naples, Feb. 10.

Sa Siciana, Genoa, Jan. 8.

Sa Mae, Jobos, Feb. 15.

Sa Iris, Cardenas, Feb. 17.

Sa Erruria, Demerara, Feb. 11.

Sa Arapahoe, Jacksonville, Feb. 21.

Sa Ella, Galveston, Feb. 18.

Sa Belita, Porto Plata, Feb. 19.

Sa Concho, Galveston, Feb. 17.

Sa Jamestown, Norfolk, Feb. 23.

Sa Algonquin, Boston, Feb. 23.

Sa City of Macon, Savannah, Feb. 23.

Sa Oneida, Philadelphia, Feb. 23.

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Bark Allegro, Santa Cruz, Feb. 1.

ARRIVED OUT.
Ss Hohenzollern, from New York at Naples.
Ss Anchoria, from New York at Glasgow.

SAILED FROM FORMIGN PORTS.
SS Oceanic, from Liverpool for New York.
SS Kalser Wilhelm der Grosse, from Cherbourg
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OUTGOING STRAMSKIPS.	
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El Siglo Due To-morrow. Amsterdam Londesborough . Comal . City of Augusta . Rotterdam Sunderland Galveston. Monterey. Maraval... Due Saturday, Feb. 27. Southamp Liverpool Gibraltar Santiago. Bermuda Havana... Due Sunday, Feb. 28. La Champagne t. Andrew. Antwerp Chicago City Due Monday, Feb. 29.

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BURGLAR WON'T DEPRIVE HIM

OF FAMILY KEEPSAKES. Writes That He Is the Genuine "Rames," and That He "Wen't Do a Thing" to the Imitation Article Who Has Been Sending Letters if He Ever Catches Him

EAST ORANGE, N. J., Feb. 24.—The genial burglar who, after robbing the East Orange home of James B. Dill, the New York corporation lawyer, returned a locket out of which a \$175 diamond had been pried, ac companied by a letter in which he joked Mr. Dill about his bad marksmanship, has been heard from again. When the story of Mr. Dill's odd experience became public quite a deluge of other alleged burglar letters addressed to him followed. Many of them were signed "Raffles," and life became more or less a burden to Mr. Dill, what with his crook correspondence and the newspaper interviews that it involved The jokers tired of their fun, however, and the flow of letters stopped.

Now it has broken out again, and this time it is evidently the original Raffles who has taken his pen in hand. What makes it certain that it is the only original who is writing to Mr. Dill is that some more of the stolen jewelry has been returned by mail, in company with the letters themselves. Both the letters and the iewalry were posted at the general post office in New York

The burglar in his correspondence is still genial and facetious, becoming serious still genial and facetious, becoming serious only when he speaks of the bogus burglars who have "butted in." Raffles hopes he will meet these base imitators, in which case he promises to do things which the base imitators will find unpleasant.

When Mr. Dill first told of the return of the locket, he expressed the wish that the burglar had returned a few other trinkets of no particular value, but prized by him for family reasons. Among these

trinkets of no particular value, but prized by him for family reasons. Among these was a ring engraved "E. W.," which was a present to one of Mr. Dill's daughters from her grandmother. This ring, together with all the other trinkets Mr. Dill had mentioned, were returned to him a few days ago in the manner above stated, the burglar excusing himself for the delay in sending them, on the ground that he had been out of town "on business."

The letter accompanying the articles was a long one and, like the first, was

was a long one and, like the first, was largely devoted to "jolly." After express-ing surprise that a man of Mr. Dill's financial position should bother himself about trinkets that were hardly worth the cost trinkets that were hardly worth the cost of the postage stamps necessary to send them back, the burglar discussed a number of things more or less relevant. Mr. Dill laughingly declined to be drawn into further newspaper discussion of his burglar correspondence, and said that he had not the last letter of the burglar in his possession, although he admitted that he had received the letter, that the trinkets had been returned and that he was sure the letter came from the burglar.

From a person who saw the last letter sent to Mr. Dill, the following extracts from the document were obtained:

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"Herewith you will find the ring marked
E. W., and the little detail trinkets, which you in the interview in the public papers requested me to return. I trust you will excuse the delay, as I have been out of town for some little time, and, knowing you as well as I do, I think I might add, on business. well as I do, I think I might add, on business.

"Let me advise you confidentially that the gentleman who writes these boasting letters to the police under the name of Raffles, is not the genuine Raffles. I have no time for such amusement, and, if I should ever chance to run across him, I think I could convince him that he is only an imitation Raffles, and not the genuine article.

"I do not return these little trinkets to you because I have to, but because I like to be decent and courteous. I have my own little keepsakes, and I have a regard for others who have keepsakes, and as the return of the articles will no doubt. make your little daughter happy, I therefore

your little daughter happy, I therefore take great pleasure in returning them to "You have been a good loser. You take the cards as they are dealt to you. You don't grumble. It gives me pleasure to do a favor such as this to a man who plays his hand as you play it

his hand as you play it.

"If this man Raffles who is writing these letters ever writes again, just compare his writing with this. This is genuine—his is not. If I am ever able to put my hands upon him, I think I will be able to give him such a scare that he will not be able to play Raffles again."

SHOT IN THE CONSTITUTION.

Jury Laughs and Acquits the Prisoner Who Wished He Had a Lawyer. Joseph P. Ernest, a negro member of the Bricklayers' Union, told a jury in Judge Cowing's court in General Sessions yesterday that on Jan. 16, in a saloon in Seventh avenue, William Myers of 210 West Eightyninth street, in a row, shot him in "the constitution." It was shown that he was

constitution." It was shown that he was shot in the ribs.
"What did you mean by saying that you were shot in the constitution?" asked Assistant District Attorney O'Connor.

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"I was," persisted Ernest, drawing from his waistcoat pocket a copy of the constitution and by-laws of his union. "I had this in my pocket and the bullet made a hole through it."

The jury laughed. It laughed again when Lawyer Samuel Feldman, in making his plea for Myers, said:

"This poor rellow hasn't a friend in the world and has no money. I was assigned to defend him, and when he looked me over he said, 'Gee! I wish I had money to hire a lawyer.'"

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Beth Israel Hospital Crowded.

Beth Israel Hospital, at Jefferson and Cherry streets, is having a hard fight just now to provide room for even part of the applicants for aid and to make both ends meet. Their difficulties have been added to by the fact that Mount Sinai Hospital is receiving no more patients until it its new home. The management at Beth Israel is looking with interest to the Purim Ball, on March 9, the proceeds of which is its main source of support.

POSTUM CEREAL DOCTOR EXPLAINS

His Article in the Medical Magazine About

One of the most famous medical publications in the United States is the "Alkaloidal Clinic," in a recent number of which an entertaining article on coffee by a progressive physician and surgeon is published. In explaining his position in the matter this physician recently said:

"In the article in question I really touched but lightly upon the merits of Postum Food Coffee. I have had several cases of heart trouble, indigestion and nervousness where a permanent cure was effected by merely using Postum in place of coffee without any other treatment. "In my own family I have used Postum

for three years, and my children actually cry for it, and will not be satisfied with any other beverage. Indeed, they refuse to eat until they have had the customary cup of Postum, and as it is a rebuilder and does nothing but good I am only too glad to let them have it. "To get the best results we boil the Pos-

tum at least 20 minutes and it is then settled tum at least 20 minutes and it is then settled by adding a little cold water, then the addition of fresh cream makes a beverage I now prefer to the very best coffee." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Authorities are agreed that Postum is a wonderfully quick and sure rebuilder. Ten days' trial in place of coffee proves it. Look in each package for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

DILL GETS MORE TRINKETS. Electric Trucks & Wagons



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UNIONS THE CURSE OF OUR TIME. Stinging Words From the Rev. Dr. Stoddard

at Plenty's Funeral. The Rev. Dr. E. L. Stoddard, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Summit avenue, Jersey City, spoke as follows yesterday at the funeral of Josephus Plenty, the horticultural works builder who was the complaining witness against Sam Parks, the walking delegate who is serving a term in State prison for extorting money from contractors and builders to call off strikes:

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I speak these words that I may emphasize the wrong that in part, if not altogether, killed him. It is easy to believe that his death blow dates from last spring, when he became the victim of extortion and tyranny at the hands of certain labor unions. I am glad of an opportunity over his coffin to deal with that spirit.

I believe in the organization of labor under law, safeguarded by justice, the organization which is compelled to incorporate itself, and so become responsible for violations of contracts and outrage upon persons. But when a labor organization lends itself to tyranny and injustice, when it compels its members to be the slaves of witless demagozues, when it breaks its contracts with a laugh and wreaks its brutal anger on the weak and innocent, such an organization should feel the awful and instant retribution of the outraged justice of the nation and its leaders should be treated with as little ceremony as we use with a stray cur on the street.

It is useless to deny that we are living in a lawless, reckless, lying, thieving ago, an age when these crimes are sheltering themselves under the eyes of that power which should sweep them off the earth; when they threaten anarchy; when already in the person of him who lies here, they have brought forth death; and it is time that the prophets of the Lord arose. Here was a man whose whole life was built upon obedience to law, loyalsy to God, honor in business, justice to all men. He lies the victim of that lawlessness, that disobedience, that dishonor, that incarnation of injustice which we see personified in too many of our labor unions and walking delegates.

Our dead brother, indeed, belonged to the capital class, but he was no Cain. He loved justice and lived for it; he was honest and patient and kind and godly. Yet here he lies, and from his grave I would fain summon the hosts of the true Israel of God to the pursuance and the destruction of that which is the curse

Mr. Plenty's body was buried in New York Bay Cemetery.

NO OFFICE FOR MITCHELL. Head of the Mine Workers Not to Get a Federal Job From Roosevelt.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 24 .- John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, will not resign from the head of that organization, nor will be succeed Carroll D. Wright as United States Labor Carroll D. Wright as United States Labor
Commissioner. The first statement was
made by him to-day while discussing the
report that he was about to resign and the
second was made by a close friend, who,
said that the President had never offered
Mitchell the Labor Commissioner's job.
Mr. Mitchell said that he had been misunderstood in his Chicago areas. understood in his Chicago speech, for he had no intention of making the impression that he intended to abandon his present office. "I am too much interested in my work to give it up," said he, "unless such a step should become absolutely necessary, and I see no reason for it now



MARRIED.

CONNABLE-HORSFORD.-At the residence of Mr. Isaac B. Horsford, 140 Riverside Drive, New York, by the Rev. Allen McCurdy, on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1904, Julia Kilham Hersford to Frank Lee Connable.

DIED.

BROWN .- On Monday, Feb. 22, George Arenta Brown, son of Mary Arents Brown, in his 8th year. Funeral services at the residence of his grand-

parents, 38 West 57th st., on Thursday morning, Feb. 25, at 11 o'clock. Interment at convenience of family. Please omit flowers. DE FOREST.-At Babylon, L. I., on Feb. 22, 1904. 25 FOREST.—At Bayylon, L. J., on Feb. 22, 1994, after a lingering liness, Lydia de Forest, wife of Frederick L. de Forest.

Puneral services at her late residence, Deer Park av., Babylon, L. I., on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 2 o'clock P. M. Newark, N. J., papers

EAVITT .- At his residence, Short Hills, N. J., on Monday, Feb. 22, 1904, in the 78th year of his age, Henry Sheldon Leavitt, son of the late David Leavitt and husband of Martha A.

Leavitt.
Funeral services will be held at St. George's Church, Stuyvesant sq., New York, on Friday, Feb. 26, at 10 A. M. EIGH.-At Mount Vernon, N. Y., on Feb. 24,

1904, Thomas Cattell, son of Thomas Cattell Leigh and Florence Jones, aged 2 years 5 months 20 days. Funeral services at 263 North Rich av., Mount Vernon, on Friday, Feb. 26, at 3 o'clock P. M. Interment at Bridgeport, Conn.

McCLELLAN .- At Drifton, Pa., on Feb. 22, 1904, Arthur McClellan, in the 65th year of his age. Funeral services on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 3 P. M., at the residence of Dr. George McClellan, southeast corner Broad and Spruce sts., Philadelphia. REILLY. -On Tuesday, Feb. 23, Thomas D. Relify.

in his 52d year. Funeral on Friday morning, at 10:30, from his late residence, 143 East 19th st. Solemn requiem mass at the Church of St. Francis Xayler, West 16th st. Interment at Calvary Cemetery SEABURY .- Suddenly, at her residence, 8 Chelsea Square, on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1904, Alloe Van Wyck, wife of Rev. William Jones Seabury, D. D. Notice of funeral hereafter.

SMITH. -At her residence, 345 Grand av., Brooklyn, after a long lilness, Lydia M. Smith, mother of Caroline G., Bessey and Henry L. Smith, aged 75 years. Funeral private.

SMITH. -On Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Fred H. McCoun, Eliza, widow of Joseph Smith. Notice of funeral hereafter. WELD. -On Feb. 24, at his residence, Park Avenue

Hotel, James Gould Weld, late of the New York Cotton Exchange, formerly of Boston, aged 72 years, husband of Amelia Thibault and father of J. Edward and Robert Weld. Services at Church of Transfiguration, on Saturday, Feb. 27, at 10:30 A. M.

CEMETERIES.

Great Pinelawn Cemetery, 2,315 acres Bend for price list. 25 Broad St., N. Y.